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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

GOVERNOR'S ADVISOR OF MILITARY AFFAIRS POSITION CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Governor Schwarzenegger recently created the Advisor of Military Affairs position by Executive Order S-16-06 to act as the state's lead advocate on state and federal policies impacting enlisted men and women, their families and the state's relationship to federal defense agencies.

The Advisor of Military Affairs will join with the California Department of Corporations (DOC) to create a State Military Financial Protection Task Force, which will focus on unlawful lending practices that target enlisted men and women. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson is among this task force's members.

"I am honored to serve on the State Military Financial Protection Task Force for it gives me one more opportunity to work on behalf of California's veterans," said Johnson. "I find it appalling that anyone would take advantage of the hardships many of our brave men and women encounter when called to active duty. I look forward to protecting our active duty personnel and veterans from predators by educating and empowering them."

The Advisor of Military Affairs and the State Military Financial Protection Task Force will work closely with the DOC's "Troops Against Predatory Scams (TAP\$)" program, which already works to educate military personnel about deceptive financial practices.

The Governor's Executive Order S-16-06, which created the Advisor of Military Affairs position, can be accessed in its entirety online at <http://gov.ca.gov/index.php/executive-order/3626/>.

More information on the Governor's record on military and veterans affairs can be obtained by visiting www.honoringourmilitary.com.

Information regarding the Department of Corporation's TAP\$ program can be found online at www.corp.ca.gov/outreach/taps/taps.htm.

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